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To: Mr. Mitchell E. Daniels Jr.
Director, Office of Management and Budget.
From: Thomas A. Peghiny
August 10, 2001
Re: The Sport pilot and Light sport aircraft proposals.

Dear Mr. Daniels:

I am writing to you today in support of the proposed Sport Pilot license and the Light Sport Aircraft certification programs. I have been involved with the proposed rules, first through an ARAC (a voluntary, aviation rules advisory council), and now through an industry working group, preparing to assist in the administration and implementation of the new proposed rules.

Our company, Flightstar, Inc. is a producer of aircraft kits that would be positively affected by the proposed new regulations. The changes in regulations would allow us to better serve our existing customer base, safely broaden our market and compete with aircraft imported from other countries.

As an Ultralight flight instructor and active participant in this sport, I see the Sport pilot license as having a direct benefit to public safety. This would happen in several ways;

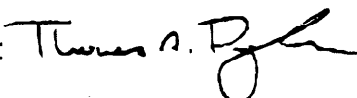
1. By providing a more appropriate regulatory path for students to follow than is currently available.
2. By improving the training for instructors of Ultralight and light weight aircraft.
3. By providing government guidelines for the continued airworthiness of the training aircraft employed.

In addition, the U.S. currently has a leadership position in aviation throughout the world. The proposed Sport pilot license can help this continue by make flying more affordable for more people. This will aid in the continued growth of aviation in this country, by getting more people involved, more airports will stay open and more young people will become pilots.

Current FAA regulations do not allow us to certify our aircraft designs in their system. In order for our industry to safely grow, we need a certification system that combines industry input and management, with government oversight. The proposed Light sport aircraft certification program does just that.

I believe the Sport pilot license and the Light sport aircraft proposal strikes the right balance between allowing our industry continued growth and providing the government oversight the American public deserves.

Best Regards:



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President

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